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## Profanity.

The discussions of The Blue Monday Club, as published in *The Tribune* from week to week, are interesting. They reveal both the weakness and the strength of the modern preacher; his love for dignity, a distinctive dress, apostolic orders, a fine church, a good salary, discussions of theological dogma, together with not a little desire for the advancement of the world in morality and Christian living. Taking him for all-and-in-all the Christian minister is an earnest man, faithful to his people, devoted to his work, but removed somewhat, by education and his calling, from contact with the world. He sees the best side of human nature, and his sensibilities are not often shocked by its vulgarity. Perhaps this may be a reason for an occasional failure of duty. Agnosticism may be a pretty doctrine to discuss, a sort of straw-man to demolish, but who cares much about it? To the popular eye the "agnostic" is one who professes to know nothing, while secretly congratulating himself upon omniscience. Evolution is a theory too complicated for popular discussion. Home life and home interests demand the first care of the faithful pastor and teacher.

We have heard many sermons; we do not remember one upon the subject of profanity. Daily, and we had almost said, hourly, profane and careless words are heard upon the street, in the car, the store, the shop; to the damage of morality, to the serious injury of Christian teaching, and to the annoyance of all lovers of sobriety and plain speaking.

Habits of careless talking are formed which become a second nature. The weather is d-d if it be too hot, and d-d if it be too cold, it is d-d wet, and d-d dry, while men are consigned to perdition with cheerful alacrity by their quite intimate neighbors. Children of tender years, taught at home to repeat the sacred words of scripture at their mother's knee, are sent upon the street to listen to horrible perversions of sacred language, and to learn to give vent to their most ordinary feelings of impatience in dreadful oaths. We do not exaggerate. We have heard oaths from the mouths of boys not yet out of short jackets, sufficient to turn a fishwoman of Billingsgate green with envy.

When under no excitement, they do not hesitate to follow in the footsteps of their elders whose gray hairs ought to be a crown of honor. The Sabbath-day presents no break to the unnecessary habit. Boys and men violate its stillness with words which are not Yea, Yea, and Nay, Nay; but come of evil.

Education is said to be an introduction at home and abroad, but what sort of introduction must we have, whose conversation is disfigured by profanity? Fortitude and courage are many qualities; swearing shows impatience and faint-heartedness. The simple statement of a fact is more forcible than continual repetition, with constant emphasis. Careful writers avoid slang, italics, alliteration, and unmeaning words. To much cayenne pepper spoils the best dish, and plain cooking will be found most wholesome. It is said that in the army, when nothing else would start a stubborn mule, a volume of oaths invariably accomplished the result. The habit of swearing is neither incurable nor necessary. If thought to be so, we suggest a substitute. Repeat the Greek alphabet from Alpha to Omega; that will include everything; belch forth the four cardinal virtues; hurl at the mule's head quotations of Latin and Greek, which will be incomprehensible, and may as well be used upon him as any one else. Or, let the inner fires be smothered, move the lips, the hands, and the head, and let the tongue be silent; so the sensitive ears of humanity shall not tingle with shame, the angels shall suppress a sigh, and the Recorder of idle words shall save the tears which should otherwise blot out the record.

Irreverence and vulgarity are near of kin to profanity. The teller of vile sto-

ries—"We've got him on our list—he never will be missed;" at least not seriously, until he has sweetened his breath.

Socrates once said, "The best man is he who is trying to improve himself. The happiest man is he who feels that he is improving himself."

The new year has come. There is now a chance to become both better and happier. Let the profane man leave off swearing, vulgarity, irreverence, and he will be better; and if not happier, he will contribute not a little to the realization of his good wishes for a Happy New Year to many of his fellow-citizens.

## Balancing Accounts.

With the end of the year men of caution desire to know exactly how they stand in their business affairs, and for that purpose they balance their accounts, with a view of determining the gains or losses for the preceding twelve months. In this way they can judge the prospects for the future and decide the course most likely to prove advantageous to them.

It is true that this balancing of accounts could be done at any other period of the year, but it is the almost universal custom to do it at this time.

It is no less cautious and prudent for thoughtful men to devote a portion of the first week of the new year to an examination of their moral gains or losses in the weeks which have sped so swiftly. In the acquisition of character there can be no such thing as remaining stationary. Every man will, if he be candid, admit that he is better or worse than he was one year ago. He may have developed some new virtue, and at the same time have yielded more easily to some old vice, but it will be impossible to say that one can be set off against the other in such a way as to leave him just where he started.

Some may, without egotism, rejoice in the fact that they have made real progress in the development of character during the past year, and may thus take new courage for the year to come. Others may discover in what respects they have pursued false signals and may easily retrieve the errors into which they have fallen. A few will be compelled to admit that they are on the verge of moral bankruptcy, and that their only chance for escape lies in a prompt abandonment of the fatal course.

The year 1886 is chiefly valuable to us for the opportunities it offers. It has been said that the true meaning of the word future is opportunity. The man who desires nothing, who has nothing to gain or lose, is well nigh dead already, and it is of small consequence how long he continues to cumber the ground, but men who wish to correct their mistakes, or desire to make further progress and improvement, will rejoice in the fact that they are to enter into a new year with all the boundless opportunity which only the future can give.

One of the surest methods of securing the benefits of this opportunity is to spend a few thoughtful hours in a retrospect of the past and its results, and to spend a few equally thoughtful hours in the consideration of the future, its duties, dangers and possibilities.

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